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HINGED MOTOR VEHICLE PANELS

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The relevance of the DE4007162 reference to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

Four English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the DE4007162, DE19649698 (U.S. Patent No. 5,982,126), DE19758130, and DE19904098 publications are submitted herewith.

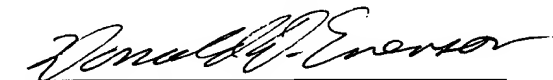
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